

Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governs amendments to pleadings. Rule 15(a)(1) grants a party the right to “amend its pleading once as a matter of course,” if done within twenty-one (21) days after serving the pleading, Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(A), or, “if the pleading is one to which a responsive pleading is required,” a party may amend once as a matter of course, provided that it does so within “21 days after service of a responsive pleading or 21 days after service of a motion under Rule 12(b), (e), or (f), whichever is earlier.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B). The Rule further provides that “leave [to amend the pleadings] shall be freely given where justice so requires.” Fed.R.Civ.P. 15(a).

Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint (document #15) on July 29, 2013, approximately ten (10) days after receiving Defendant's Motions to Dismiss. Therefore, it may amend its pleading as a matter of course under Rule 15(a)(1)(B).

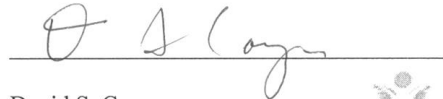
It is well settled that an amended pleading supersedes the original pleading, and that motions directed at superseded pleadings are to be denied as moot. Young v. City of Mount Ranier, 238 F. 3d 567, 573 (4th Cir. 2001) (amended pleading renders original pleading of no effect); Turner v. Kight, 192 F. Supp. 2d 391, 397 (D. Md. 2002) (denying as moot motion to dismiss original complaint on grounds that amended complaint superseded original complaint).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. "PPL Montana, LLC's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction" (document #6) is administratively DENIED as moot without prejudice.
2. "PPL Montana, LLC's Motion to Dismiss Complaint Based on Tolling Agreement" (document #8) is administratively DENIED as moot without prejudice.
3. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties, including but not limited to moving counsel; and to the Honorable Robert J. Conrad, Jr..

SO ORDERED.

Signed: July 31, 2013


David S. Cayer
United States Magistrate Judge

